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SUBJECT: INDIAN MEDIA COVERAGE OF PL-480 AGREEMENT

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BEGIN SUMMARY: REPORTAGE ON THE PL-480 AGREEMENT DOMINATED THE INDIAN MEDIA ON THURSDAY. END SUMMARY.

1. COVERAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS RAN IN TANDUM IN EIGHT OUT OF NINE DELHI'S ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILIES. THE COUNTRY'S LEADING PAPERS, HINDUSTAN TIMES AND INDIAN EXPRESS, ACCORDED THE STORY LEAD NEWS SPOTS WITH FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES: "TERMS FINALIZED ON US FOODGRAIN SUPPLY TO INDIA" (HINDUSTAN TIMES) AND "ACCORD ON US FOOD AID LIKELY THIS WEEK" (INDIAN EXPRESS).

2. STORY CONTENTS IN SIX OTHER MAJOR NEWSPAPERS REFLECTED THEIR HEADLINES: "SNAGS IN US FOOD DEAL RESOLVED" (NATIONAL HERALD) AND "TERMS OF US FOOD SHIPMENTS SETTLED" (PATRIOT). ECONOMIC PAPERS HEADLINED: "PL-480 SNAG REMOVED" (FINANCIAL EXPRESS) AND "SNAGS RESOLVED -- GRAINS FROM US" (ECONOMIC TIMES).

3. BASED ON THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AND PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

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WIRES, THE NEWS ACCOUNTS QUOTED STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANDERSON

SAYING THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER AND AMBASSADOR KAUL HAVE OVERCOME A "MISUNDERSTANDING" AND THAT "A FINAL AGREEMENT CAN BE WORKED OUT SOON." THE ACCOUNTS ADDED ANDERSON DECLINED TO SAY WHAT THE "MISUNDERSTANDING" HAD BEEN.

4. INDIAN EXPRESS CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON TV PARASURAM LEAD HIS DESPATCH BY STATING THAT PRESIDENT FORD IS EXPECTED TO VISIT INDIA IN FALL. REGARDING THE FOODGRAIN ACCORD, HE SPECULATED THAT "THE PL-480 AGREEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE" AND IT WILL BE SIGNED "PROBABLY WITHIN A WEEK."

5. REPORTAGE MENTIONED THE US HAS SUPPLIED "IN EXCESS" OF SIXTY MILLION TONS OF FOODGRAINS TO INDIA OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES.

6. THE NEWS ACCOUNTS INCLUDED MENTION OF JOINT SUBCOMMISSIONS AND DR. KISSINGER TELLING AMBASSADOR KAUL HE WAS HOPING THE COMMISSIONS WOULD PRODUCE CONCRETE RESULTS. THE ITEMS ADDED THEY ALSO DISCUSSED THE TRADE REFORM BILL. SCHNEIDER

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